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REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 26, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and Applicant notes with appreciation the identification of allowed subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 10 and 15 are independent.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,441,251 to Steffens. The Examiner objected to claims 3-9 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but stated that claims 3-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 10-20 are allowed.

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate some of the limitations of claim 3 further defining the structure of the mounting element. As amended, claim 1 is directed to a sleeved article for obtaining an aerodynamic position when cycling, including a sleeve portion extending from a wrist area at least partly up a wearer's forearm, a mounting element coupled to the sleeve portion, and a connecting mechanism. The mounting element includes a housing having a *projecting portion that defines*

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a generally semi-cylindrical channel configured to receive a bicycle handlebar. The connecting mechanism, which is mounted to the mounting element, is configured to work cooperatively with the mounting element to engage the bicycle handlebar. With this amended structure, which is supported in the specification on page 9, lines 1-8, claim 1 is not shown or suggested by Steffens.

Steffens discloses an automobile tool kit in which a holder for the tools is configured as a soft-sided sleeved glove that can be rolled up for compact storage when the tool kit is not being used. There is no disclosure or suggestion of a mounting element coupled to the sleeve which includes a housing having a *projecting portion that defines a channel configured to receive a bicycle handlebar.* Nor is there a connecting mechanism mounted to the mounting element that is *configured to work cooperatively with the mounting element to engage the bicycle handlebar.* In addition, there is no suggestion in the art to modify Steffens to include these bicycle handlebar engaging elements as doing so would go well beyond the intended and disclosed scope of Steffens and would also nullify the rolling up capability of the sleeve shown therein. Accordingly, claim 1 as amended is patentable over Steffens and favorable reconsideration and allowance thereof is requested.

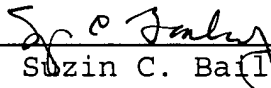
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Claims 2-9 are also in condition for allowance as claims properly dependent on an allowable base claim and in accordance with the Examiner's identification of allowable subject matter.

With this amendment and the foregoing remarks, and in view of the allowance of claims 10-20, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the present application can receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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